# COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Spring Branch Dots.

Spring Branch, June 7 .- We are having fine weather to kill grass, and it is plentiful.

Pine Grove school closed June 4th with a picnic, which was much enjoyed by all present. Two interesting speeches were made by Hon. B. D. Carter and Mr. Bolen, from Bam-

Our efficient teacher, Miss Mary a few days before returning to her home at Orangeburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Padgett, of Denmark, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hern-

Mr. L. Murray, of Charleston, is visiting friends in our midst.

Mrs. Julia Sandifer, of Eamberg, spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Lela Padgett.

Miss Lessie Sandifer spent Sunday with Misses Eula and Clara O'Quinn.

Miss Shuler Murray, of St. George. is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. D. T. Smoak.

Sorry to report the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Smoak's little son. Mr. G. Laurie Sandifer, of Denmark, spent Sunday with his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bessinger. On Sunday children's day exercises were observed at the church. The following was the programme:

Hymn, to call congregation together; hymn, marching song, by which all the children marched in the church; hymn; prayer by Mr. D. T. Smoak; scripture reading by Mr. Broadus Smoak; hymn; scripture recital by six young men; hymn, by stock, and sentenced to two and a ten girls; "Children's Day," Dottie half years. Both convicts are vic-Goodwin; "Ashamed of Jesus," Ebbie Goodwin; "The Life Aim," Geneva Padgett; hymn; "Little Girls That are Wounded," Reba O'Quinn: "All Things Beautiful and Fair." Senie Goodwin; hymn; "One Little they are suffering. Penny," by ten children; lecture, Mr. D. T. Smoak; lecture, Mr. G. Laurie Sandifer; hymn; collection; benedic-M. E. H.

## Cope Cullings.

Cope, June 6 .- Mrs. H. C. Ritter hurry. and daughters, Misses Daisy and Em-

Mrs. Nathan J. Thomas, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Vera, little son, Dick, and Miss Bertha Hill, left on yesterday to attend the commencement exercises of Clemson college.

Mr. Otis Hayden returned on yesterday from the University of South Carolina, for the summer holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sandifer took the train this morning to spend the day with relatives and friends at

Mr. Luther Dixon and little children, of Sumter, are over spending the day with his mother, Mrs. Mamie

Messrs. Howard C. Chitty, J. M. Birt and Henry Birt, together with Mrs. J. M. Birt and Miss Ada Chitty. all of Blackville, came over by auto, to spend the day with Mr. Chitty's sister, Mrs. Andrew Gray.

Prof. C. C. Stewart will leave Cope tomorrow, stop over in Columbia to see his brother graduate at the University of South Carolina, and then return to his home at Fountain Inn.

# Denmark Dots.

Denmark, June 5 .- One of the most brilliant affairs of the season was the reception at the home of Mrs. S. G. Mayfield, given by the United Daughters of the Confederacy hardt defeated Fairfax here yesterand the members.

decorated in Confederate flags, fern the occasion, was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Riley and Mrs. May- ting. Score: field, accompanied by Miss Josephine | Ehrhardt .... Faust and Mrs. W. M. Graham on Fairfax .... the violin.

During the course of the afternoon the guests were invited to the dining Umpire Donnelly. hall and served lunch consisting of a salad and ice course. Tiny Confederate flags made souvenirs.

About 150 guests called during the

Miss Lula Bess Wroton, of Portsmouth, Va., is spending several Branchville .... weeks with her sister, Mrs. M. R.

Miss Ruby Guess is at home for ly.

NEW RURAL ROUTES.

Be Put in Operation June 15 .- Will Serve 82,390 Additional Families.

Washington, June 6 .- Establishment of 710 new rural mail delivery routes to serve \$2,390 families and the extension of the existing service to reach 5,460 additional families was announced tonight by Postmaster General Burleson. Nearly all of the new routes will go into operation June 15, and postmasters have been authorized to employ necessary temporary carriers pending the selection of permanent men through civil service examinations.

Enlargement and extension of the rural service was made possible, a postoffice department statement ex-Alice Stokes, is visiting in our midst plains, by a readjustment in April and May, resulting in a reduction of operating expenses amounting to \$511,262. Many routes have been consolidated with others, but it is said that few carriers will be dropped. Transfers are being arranged under which experienced men are being retained.

> Orders are now awaiting the postmaster general's signature providing for new rural automobile service in many localities. People on these routes, when living within a radius of twenty-five miles, will enjoy local rates. The first of these routes will Orangeburg county. Other deposits go into operation on August 1.

#### TWO CONVICTS PAROLED.

#### Victims of Tuberculosis Released to Prevent Spread.

Columbia, June 5 .- Governor Manning this afternoon paroled during good behavior Jim Ford, convicted in February, 1914, in Dillon county, of entering a house with intent to commit a felony, and sentenced to twenty years, and Henry Wilson, colored, convicted in Newberry county in March, 1915, of larceny of live tims of tuberculosis and were given their liberty upon strong representations that their continued presence among other prisoners would very likely spread the disease from which

## A Horse Laugh.

Motorist (blocked by load of hay)

carriage get past.

wuz eatin' my hay. There haint no of the club, tonight formally turned danger o' yew eatin' it, I reckon.

the summer from her school in Sum-

Miss Doris Goolsby spent the week-end at home, accompanied by Miss Owens, of Dunbarton.

Miss Ruth Guess is at home from Converse college and has as her guest Miss Cockrell.

Miss Ruth Seymour is spending a short while at home from Winthrop college before returning to the sum-

Mrs. Hewitt, of Florence, is the

guest of Mrs. Seymour. Mrs. J. / K. Breedin, of Manning, and Mrs. S. Tom Moye and children. Florence county, are visiting their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hug-

Mrs. Alice Carroll and her niece. Mrs. Mamie Hardwick, have gone to Saluda, N. C., where Mrs. Carroll has bought a summer home. Mrs. Hardwick will go from there to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

## Ehrhardt Wins Two Games.

Ehrhardt, June 5 .- In a game consisting of constant wrangling, Ehrof the Graham chapter, for the vet- day afternoon, 8 to 4. The main feaerans, the women of the Confederacy ture of the game was the brilliant pitching of Glover, who relieved The entire lower floor which was Hiers for the locals in the fifth, Hiers having won a game Thursday. and cut flowers was thrown open to Moore, for Ehrhardt, and Smith, on the guests. Music, which added to first for Fairfax, deserve special credit on their clean fielding and hit-

> Batteries: Hiers, Glover and Moore; Barker, Wilson and Young.

In a slow game, Ehrhardt defeated Branchville on the latter's diamond Thursday, 7 to 4. The game was won through the brilliant bat-

# IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading-Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The State Elks convention is in session in Charleston this week. The convention is being largely attended. The many friends of Mrs. H. W.

McMillan, who is being treated in a hospital in Augusta, will be delighted to know that she has greatly improved.

Gordon & Co., of Savannah, capitalized at \$100,000 in the State of Georgia, have applied to the secretary of State to be domesticated. The company will open a South Carolina office in Charleston.

E. C. Malone, of Cooley Springs. Spartanburg county, died Monday night in a Spartanburg hospital from ceived in a difficulty Saturday night. George Lawter, a farmer, is said to have struck the blow.

A large deposit of marl has been discovered on the plantation of J. Rutledge Conners, near Eutawville, have been found in Dorchester and Charleston counties. It is stated that the material is valuable as a fertiliz-

Ladson McClam, a negro, was fatally shot Sunday night near Lake City, and Charley Nelson is accused. It seems that Nelson and several other negroes intended to horsewhip near. Nelson, it is said, fired at him, inflicting a wound that afterward caused death.

#### GIVES UP COLUMBIA FRANCHISE.

#### Affairs of Baseball Club in Hands of Charleston Man.

Columbia, June 5 .- The Columbia franchise of the South Atlantic League has been surrendered to the league. The affairs of the club are to Macon's society set. now in the hands of W. H. Walsh, of Charleston, vice president of the league, who is in Columbia. Mr. Walsh will remain here tomorrow when, it is understood, the final dis- al injuries. -I say there, pull out and let me position of the team will be arranged. It is probable that the Columbia a car owned by W. M. Davis, which Farmer-Oh, I dunno ez I'm in any team will go on the road Monday in charge of the league. An agree-Motorist (angrily)-You seemed ment is possible by which business and the fire that followed destroyed which I cannot join without violatma, are here on a visit to Mr. Ernest in a hurry to let that other fellow's men of Columbia will take over the the wooden work of the machine. ing what I deem to be an obligation club and operate it until the end of Farmer-That's 'cause his horse the season. M. M. Platt, president pieces of iron remained of the car. it over to the league, and it was re- the late Sam H. Pearson, who was here that the team will not be al- cashier of the Old First National lowed to leave Columbia.

## ORANGEBURG LADY HURT.

# When Horse Ran Away.

Orangeburg, June 6 .- Miss Zana O'Cain, daughter of Mr. J. W. O'Cain, by the corner of Amelia and Church excitement Miss O'Cain jumped from afternoon. the buggy, and the nervous shock by and is said to be doing as well as can be expected. Mr. O'Cain was not injured beyond a severe shaking up. The buggy was partly demolished.

## PINNED UNDER AUTOMOBILE.

#### Dr. and Mrs. Ligon Injured at at Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, June 6 .- Dr. A. C. Ligon and Mrs. Ligon were very painfully injured when their automobile turned turtle about 12 o'clock today. Dr. and Mrs. Ligon and their daughter, Miss Jeannette, were riding just across the Edisto river bridge, when the car became unmanageable and slipped down the faculty were in order, Dr. John G. steel embankment, turning over several times. Dr. and Mrs. Ligon were last summer, and Prof. A. M. DuPre. pinned underneath the car, and re-chairman of the steering committee mained in this position about twenty minutes before help arrived. Miss in for a large share of the "honors."

numerous cuts and bruises on the sun and pesky mosquitoes while entery work of Hiers and Moore. Score: person of Dr. Ligon, one being ex- gaged in stump speaking. Prof. Duthought to be hurt internally. Mrs. manner in which to dispose of the and your eagerness to take advan-Batteries: Hiers and Moore: Ligen sustained several bruises about booze question, viz: To drink it up, tage of every great opportunity for Dukes and Folk. Umpire, Wimber- the limbs, but none are of a serious and a quart bottle of the "stuff" was nature, it is said.

## LAD AND SISTER DROWNED.

Boy Rescued Girl, Then Lost Life Trying to Save Sister.

Saluda, June 8 .- Harry Minis, 17 years old, and Miss Evelina Mims, 15, his sister, were drowned this aiternoon when a boat capsized at Edwards Mill Pond, on the outskirts of Saluda.

With John Mims, a brother of the victims, Tyree Crouch, Misses Pearl Abel, Bessie Long, Corrie Belle Crouch and Lily Lindler, they were rowing when their boat upset. The three boys and Otis Edwards, in another boat, rescued all the girls except Miss Mims, some of them after they had gone down twice. Several of them were taken to the bank unconscious, but were revived.

Harry Mims had already taken one girl ashore and plunged into the water again to save his sister, when his strength becoming exhausted, he went down. His sister's body was recovered in about five minutes, but it was more than half an hour before the effects of a blow on the head re- the lad's body was found. Efforts at resuscitation proved futile. large crowd had gathered on the banks, among them all the doctors in Saluda, but their best efforts at resuscitation went for naught.

The mill pond, where the drowning occurred, is about ten feet deep. It is a favorite resort of the young people, and a number of women and children were on the bank at the time, but were powerless to aid. The funeral of the two victims will be held tomorrow at Red Bank

#### TWO DIE IN COLLISION.

#### McClam, who ran when they came Young Women Killed When Train Strikes Automobile.

Wrigley was instantly killed and Miss departure from the cabinet to pri Mary Pearson was so badly injured that she died late this afternoon white house at 9 o'clock tonight. when an automobile driven by Miss They follow: Pearson was struck by a Central of Georgia railroad passenger train, ten miles west of this city, this noon. Both of the young women belonged

Miss Pearson was brought to a hospital in this city, where it was found turn to you the commission of secrethat she had sustained a broken back, broken leg and arm and intern-

The young women were riding in Miss Pearson often drove.

Nothing but a few broken and bent

ceived by Mr. Walsh in his capacity a prominent business man. Miss as vice president. It is understood Wrigley's father, now dead, was namely, the prevention of war. Bank here.

## FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

#### Miss O'Cain Jumped From Buggy New Danish Constitution Established in Parliament.

Copenhagen, via London, June 5. -The Danish parliament today, on ciliably as to the methods which is reported in a serious condition as the anniversary of the signing of the the result of a runaway on Amelia first constitution by Frederick VII street about 5:30 this afternoon. in 1849, unanimously passed the Miss O'Cain, accompanied by her new constitution, which confers the be none the less to be my duty to enbrother, Vernon O'Cain, was driving suffrage on women and abolishes the deavor as a private citizen to prospecial electoral privileges heretofore streets, when a part of the harness exercised by the wealthier classes. broke, frightening the horse. In the The king signed the legislation this

A large number of women, comrendered her unconscious. She was posed of all classes, marched to the ed between us during the past two given attention at once by those near- palace where King Christian received a deputation, which, in behalf of the profound satisfaction which it has women of Denmark, thanked him for their political emancipation. A deputation of women also went to the come before the State department, parliament and thanked the government for conferring the franchise on

# GET JOKES ON THE FACULTY.

#### Wofford Boys Present Wig and Quart of "Booze."

Spartanburg, June 5 .- At the last meeting of the class of 1915 of Wofford this afternoon, when the conferring of degrees, presenting gifts and telling jokes on members of the Clinkscales, who ran for governor Jeannette escaped practically unhurt. Dr. Clinkscales was given a wig to duly presented to him.

# BRYAN QUITS THE CABINET

DECLINED TO SIGN NOTE TO GERMANY.

Could Not Reconcile Lusitania Note to His Peace Policy.—Hands in Resignation to President.

Washington, June 8 .- William Jennings Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned today as secretary of State as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the president. The cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting Secretary Robert Lansing will sign the document and tomorrow it will be cabled to Berlin.

Secretary Bryan will return to private life tomorrow, when his resignation takes effect. It was learned that he intends to continue his political support of the president.

Rather than sign the document which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr. Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, the prevention of war." 4

The president accepted the resignation in a letter of regret, tinged with deep personal feeling of affect tion. The letters constituting the Macon, Ga., June 7 .- Miss Alice official announcement of Mr. Bryan's vate life, were made public at the

#### Letter of Resignation.

Secretary Bryan's letter of resigna tion was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. President: It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should retary of State, with which you honored me at the beginning of your administration.

"Obedient to your sense of duty and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission The collision caused an explosion to the German government a note in to my country, and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain Miss Pearson was a daughter of a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cuted according to order of the govcause which is nearest my heart,

"I, therefore, respectfully tender my resignation, to take effect when the note is sent, unless you prefer an earlier hour. Alike desirous of reaching a peaceful solution of the problems arising out of the use of submarines against merchantmen, we find ourselves differing irrecon-

should be employed. "It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation: I consider it to mote the end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use. "In severing the intimate and

pleasant relations which have existyears, permit me to acknowledge the given me to be-associated with you in the important work which has and to thank you for the courtesies extended.

"With the heartiest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am. my dear Mr. President,

W. J. BRYAN." "(Signed) The president's letter to Mr. Bry an was as follows:

## President's Acceptance.

"My Dear Mr. Bryan: I accept insist upon its acceptance; and I ac- seek it. cept it with much more than deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. of the State prohibition forces, came Our judgments have accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your gether. I yield to your desire only A medical examination disclosed protect his scalp from the burning support of the work and purposes of because I must and wish to bid you and loyal beyond praise; your devoservice it offered has been an ex- ly yours, ample to the rest of us; you have

COWBOYS CROSS THE BORDER.

Enter Mexican Garrison and at Point of Rifles Rescue American Lads.

Nogales, Arizona. June 5 .- A posse of ten American cowboys and miners rode eight miles across the border into Santa Cruz, Sonora, this afternoon, levelled their guns at the colonel commanding the garrison, while one hundred and fifty soldiers looked on, and obtained the release of two American boys, kidnapped early today by three of the soldiers on the Arizona side of the border.

The colonel gave up his two seventeen-year-old prisoners, George Vaughn, son of a storekeeper at Duquesne, and Henry Chang, son of a Chinese-American citizen, of Washington Camp, Arizona, without demur and the posse rode triumphantly back to the United States.

Santa Cruz is garrisoned by forces of Jose Maytorena, the Villa governor of Sonora. Washington Camp, where the Mexicans captured the boys, and Duquesne are border settlements twenty-five miles east of

What was expected to be gained by the kidnapping of the boys was, not ascertained.

O. K. Franklin, a miner, reported the kidnapping. He saw the three Mexican soldiers, mounted, near the border driving the boys, who were on foot, ahead of them at the point of revolvers. The boys' hands were

Army officers were notified, as was Sheriff W. H. McKnight, who promptly started out from here with a posse. Meantime cowboys and miners from Duquesne had taken the trail, with the announced intention, which they proceeded to carry out, of going into Sonora to rescue the boys.

#### TRIED TO FORCE JAIL; 3 DEAD.

Jailor, Officer and Brother of Prisoner Victims of Miami Tragedy.

Miami, Fla., June 2.-Three men are dead as a result of an attempt today to gain an entrance to the county jail to release John Ashley, convicted of the murder of a Seminole Indian and sentenced to die June 18. The dead are: Wilbur W. Hendrickson, jailor; J. R. Riblett, a police officer; Bob Ashley, brother of the condemned man.

Shortly after 12:30 today, Bob Ashley approached the jailor's house, called Hendrickson to the door and immediately shot him.

Sheriff Hardee caused the arrest of others suspected of being implicated in an attempt to free John Ashley. Everybody is cool in the face of the tragedy and Ashley will be exe-

# FIGHT, THEN SHAKE HANDS.

#### Two Spartanburg Lawyers "Mix It" in Court Room.

Spartanburg, June 5 .- The court of common pleas was the scene yesterday of a lively personal encounter between former Governor John Gary Evans and H. E. DePass, another member of the bar. The fight followed Mr. DePass' remark that the former governor was a - liar, and for some minutes the combatants were allowed to engage each other in a rough and tumble encounter. Mr. DePass was bloody from scratches, and the former governor showed

a cut on the cheek. The difficulty arose in the course of an argument of a suit against the South Carolina Light, Power and Bailway company, in which Mr. De-Pass resented certain comment by Mr. Evans upon the course his law partner, Mr. C. P. Sanders, has pursued. A wordy war preceded the

Before the court had an opportunity to comment upon the affair both lawyers made their apologies to the judge and to each other, shaking hands and thus closing the incident.

earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, your resignation only because you but only in the method by which we

"It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the secretaryship of State goes so much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same \$ and we ought to pursue them to-Godspeed in the parting. We shall continue to work for the same causes

"With affectionate regard, sincere-

"WOODROW WILSON."